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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.115

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with Rule 115 of the Rules of Practice, please enter the following amendment prior to examination of the above-captioned application.

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please add the following Abstract:

The present invention provides surface imprint compositions useful for capturing, isolating, detecting, analyzing and/or quantifying molecules in a sample. The surface imprint compositions comprise a matrix material having imprint cavities of a template molecule or molecules imprinted thereon wherein a substantial number of the imprint cavities are located at or near the surface of the matrix material.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 28-57 without prejudice.

REMARKS

With this Preliminary Amendment, Claims 28-57 are canceled without prejudice. Thus, upon entry of this Amendment Claims 1-27 will be pending and under consideration.

I. THE AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

The specification has been amended to incorporate an Abstract. The Abstract is fully supported by the specification as originally filed at, for example, page 2, line 31, through page 3, line 5. As the Abstract is fully supported by the specification as originally filed, it does not constitute new matter. Entry thereof is respectfully requested.

II. THE AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

Applicants have canceled Claims 28-57 are canceled without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to pursue any canceled subject matter in one or more continuation, divisional and/or continuation-in-part applications.

CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that Claims 1-27 of the captioned Application satisfy all of the requirements for patentability and are in condition for allowance. Passage of Claims 1-27 to issuance is therefore kindly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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